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Editorial.

WORDS of commendation for *The Keystone* are always gratifying to the women's organizations which it represents. The following clipping from the Lynn, Massachusetts, "News," will be read with interest by *The Keystone's* well-wishers:

"The dissatisfaction that has been made manifest in the 'management of the 'Club Woman,' the official organ of 'the Federation, the objection to it on the ground of fashion 'notes and general frivolity, while manifestly true, will aid 'the present management in conducting an organ that the 'club women can indorse. While not presuming to dictate 'to an official organ, much might be said on its fiction and 'funny departments, but the suggestions made by the 'general attitude of the biennial toward the present policy 'of the magazine will be sufficient to aid the directors in the 'future. If a change is to be made, the wise course seems to 'be to substitute The 'Keystone,' which is already a well 'established official organ of the clubs and organizations of 'many States, and is conducted on high class lines of 'thought, and with a noble purpose apparent in every page. 'This magazine, more than any other that has come to the 'News, represents what the field of club women and club 'movements stand for; what organized womanhood is 'aiming for; what has been the mental and moral force 'back of this great awakening of women. Our Massachu- 'setts Federation Bulletin serves its own purpose of keeping 'the professional club woman and club president informed 'on the happenings of our local organizations that support 'it, and as such is of inestimable value to those whom it 'seeks to benefit. An official organ that shall meet the 'demands of the great number of women's interests and 'organizations, and at the same time their sectional needs 'is doubtless a thing of the future, and while possible, 'must be of slow growth."

While *The Keystone* appreciates these complimentary suggestions from our Massachusetts contemporary, we must assure all our patrons, and the general public, that our plan of life is entirely a sectional one. We know our South, we are part of it, and we claim to represent it. We believe that the outlook here is large enough to support a first-class club publication with literary aspirations, and it is with this plan in view that we expect to continue our field of usefulness in Club Journalism.

FRANCES WILLARD has been honored by the State of Illinois in that the Legislature of that State has voted a sum of money sufficient to place a bust of Miss Willard in Statuary Hall at the Capitol in Washington. This is the first woman so honored.

THE University of Wisconsin, at its fiftieth anniversary, conferred upon Miss Jane Addams, of Hull House, the honorary degree of LL.D. This is the first time the University has offered this honor to any but a practicing lawyer, and its action is a well merited tribute to the value of the sociological work being accomplished by Miss Addams.

FOR the seventh time the club women of South Carolina gathered from the mountains and the seashore, and in hospitable and cultured Newberry conferred together for the development of their altruistic plans. This Convention was marked by the generally high average of capacity displayed by all the delegates; the training and thought along lines of organization for the past six years have made their impress upon the women of our State. Self-control, consideration for others, a desire for conference along all lines of work, were marked features of the meeting, while moderation, investigation, and a keen sense of responsibility to the Federation as a whole, were some of the manifestations of the *esprit de corps* which club work develops in the woman of to-day.

It is evident that these women are banded together not only to give to humanity, but to give themselves.

The South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs is now a permanent factor in the social, literary, philanthropic and civic life of the State, and its influence along all lines of progress is more and more far-reaching with each of its annual conventions.

A NATIONAL Child Labor Committee has been formed. In 1903 the Child Labor Committee of New York City appointed from its own members, Dr. Adler, Wm. H. Baldwin, Jr., and Mrs. Florence Kelley to act as a provisional committee to bring about a national committee, which was formally organized in Carnegie Hall, New York City, April 15th, with Dr. Adler as Chairman. The membership of this committee embraces such names as Cardinal Gibbons, Hoke Smith, of Atlanta, Ga., Bishop Greer, of New York, Ed. T. Devine, editor of *Charities*, Bishop Wilmer, of Atlanta, Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, Miss Lillian D. Wald, head of Henry street settlement, New York, Mrs. Florence Kelley, Jane Addams, Robt. de Forest, New York, and Ex-President Cleveland. Its scope will be to present a "National body which shall be a great moral force for the protection of children." Its specific tasks must be investigation. It will appear before legislative bodies, publish information tracts, secure the formation of local committees, and when needed act as a medium of communication between them. The headquarters of the committee will be in New York City.

A WORLD'S FAIR feature of general interest is the Japanese exhibit of diminutive trees, only two or three feet high, although several hundred years old. This forest of little trees is a part of the attractive display of many interesting exhibits which Japan shows at the Fair.

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THE Seventh Convention of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs was held in Newberry, S. C., June 14-17th inclusive. The address of welcome from the town of Newberry and Newberry College by Dr. Geo. B. Cromer was one of the most encouraging and helpful addresses ever offered before the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs. It was a thoughtful and clever man's appreciation of what thoughtful and earnest women were attempting to accomplish. It gave strength and hope to many women in his audience, and ringing with sincerity, it was much commented upon by delegates returning to their respective homes.

Mrs. Sligh, of Newberry, in voicing the welcome of the Newberry Clubwomen, presented a clear and comprehensive plea for the use of the club and made the visiting delegates feel at home at once, for they realized that here in Newberry was the true club spirit and the real club woman. Mrs. Celina Means, of Columbia, in a most gracious and cordial manner, responded for the Federation and quite dispelled any illusion that the club woman was a fussy, mannish or unfeminine creature. In the President's address much stress was laid on the importance of domestic science and household economics as a study for club women, and a very interesting account was given of the inspiration and suggestions which had come to the S. C. delegation who had attended the St. Louis Biennial. This delegation she mentioned were Mrs. Patterson, State President; Mrs. Ansel, Greenville; Mrs. Ligon Anderson, Mrs. Coleman, Charleston, and Mrs. Robertson, Columbia.

After the President's annual report, she introduced Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, of Charleston, S. C., Corresponding Secretary of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, who brought greetings from the General Federation. The President then reported that she had received officially and personally greetings from the following State Federations and individuals: Minnesota, Tennessee, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maine, Ohio, Illinois, Mrs. Dimies T. S. Dennison, Mrs. Lydia P. Williams, and others.

The business may be said to have been divided into four heads: Reports of departments, Club Reports, Amendments to the Constitution, and Consideration of Resolutions submitted from the General Federation. The Credential Committee reported sixty-eight clubs in the State Federation; forty-six were represented by seventy delegates, six officers and three chairmen. The following eight new clubs had been admitted during the year: Civic Improvement League of Anderson; Mrs. Smith's Alumnae, Charleston; The Old Homestead Book Club, Darlington; The Rotary Book Club, Greenville; The Fortnightly and the Library Association of Newberry; Literary Sorosis of Prosperity; The Bronte Club Union.

The Reports of Chairmen of departments were made at intervals during the business sessions and were interspersed with club reports. After the reports from the two secretaries, the Treasurer asking for a later date for her report, the report of the Department of Education was given Wednesday morning, by Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, chairman. This report showed the Federation in possession of 58 scholarships, most of which are filled. Another plea was made for manual training in the public schools and a closer relation between parent and teacher. The chairman showed that several clubs had observed Educational Day in their programs for the past year, and the necessity was urged that all clubs report to the chairman all educational work accomplished, however small, so that the State Federation may be credited with all work accomplished along these lines. This report brought out a discussion concerning manual training in white and negro schools as connected with the subject of domestic science and on motion of Mrs. Moore, of Columbia, the Federation put itself on record as advocating manual training in the public schools of the State. In connection with the Educational Department came the report of the Arts and Crafts Committee of the Federation.

On account of a run-away accident, Mrs. Fraser James, of Darlington, the chairman, was absent and the report was made by a member of the committee, Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, of Charleston. This committee had on exhibition in an adjoining room to the Convention Hall specimens of handicrafts, as follows: From Charleston, basket weaving, chair caning and stencilling by children in the public schools; repoussé silver spoons, wood carving, copper engraving and inlaying by Mrs. R. L. Honour, and a large collection of beautiful embroidery and pyrography by Miss Kate Parker. From Spartanburg, rebinding of books by Mrs. Carver, "Fair Forest;" carving of chairs, bead weaving, basket making, by children of Reidville School. From Columbia, book plate, various designs in beautiful pottery, by Mrs. I. A. Robertson. Miscellaneous embroideries from Georgia Federation "Arts and Crafts Committee," and Newberry club women. From Bohicket, near Beaufort, a large and interesting collection of baskets from Miss E. E. Sams. From the Log Cabin Settlement of Kentucky, baskets, woolen blankets and rugs and linsey woolsey cloth of beautiful quality and artistic design. This exhibit elicited a great deal of interest and was always the center of a large crowd of investigating club women, anxious to promote the aims and plans of the Arts and Crafts idea. By amendment to the Constitution, two new departments were created, "Arts and Crafts" and "Reciprocity," thus enlarging the scope of the Federation work, since there are now nine departments with chairmen at work: Education, Kindergarten, Library, Art, Music, Forestry and Civics, Domestic Science, Arts and Crafts, and Reciprocity.

Owing to the absence of Miss Minnie Macfeat, of Rock Hill, chairman of the Kindergarten Department, and since she was unable to send a written report on account of a protracted illness, the Kindergarten session was omitted, much to the regret of the five practical Kindergarten Associations which hold membership in the Federation. The

Travelling Library Department of the Federation is one which comes in touch with all classes of women's organizations, for books are accessible to all. Mrs. M. P. Gridley, of Greenville, chairman of this department, took charge of this session and gave many interesting points concerning the work in South Carolina. She stated that the South Carolina Federation in its six years of life had collected ninety-one travelling libraries of fifty or more books each; of these, fifty were kept in circulation by the local clubs giving them; while forty-one were in charge of the chairman of the department. Six of the forty-one libraries in charge of the chairman are libraries of absolutely new books in substantial cases, and were given by Mrs. Sara Leighton, Chairman of Education of the Massachusetts Federation of Women's Clubs. Miss Brigham, of the Boston "Lend-a-hand Circle" has always stood ready to help this department in its work. A plea was made for cases for the books to travel in as there was a need of twelve cases at this time. In connection with this department, club women should remember that in the beginning of this work the Southern Railroad gave the Federation twenty-four fine cases for their books. It is also to be considered with grateful appreciation that every railroad in South Carolina gives the Federation of Women's Clubs to-day free transportation for these travelling libraries over their lines. The railroads by so doing make a splendid contribution to the club women of our State.

During the evening session, Wednesday, Mrs. J. R. Vandiver, of Anderson, reported as chairman of the department of Music, making a strong plea for the advantages of music in club life. Her report was followed by a concert in which the following artists took part: Mrs. McPherson and Mrs. Parsons, of Greenville; Mrs. A. P. Johnston and Mrs. Cora Ligon Anderson, vocalists; Miss Carlisle, Newberry, Mrs. Patrick, Anderson, pianists and the Newberry orchestra. The second half of this session was given up to the department of Forestry and Civics. In the absence of chairman, Miss Mary Waterhouse, of Beaufort, Miss Varina D. Brown, of Anderson, read the annual report which had been sent to the convention, and the evening closed with a lecture by Mr. Routzahn, of the National League for Civic Improvement, illustrated by stereopticon.

The report of the Art Department prepared by the chairman, Mrs. A. G. Brice, of Chester, was read by Mrs. John G. White, of Chester, as Mrs. Brice had been detained at home on account of a recent bereavement in her family. This report showed the splendid work being accomplished by the "Travelling Art Portfolio" which is conducted by this department and many good points were suggested as to how the artistic in life might be fostered even in the smallest communities. In the absence of Mrs. J. T. Calvert, of Spartanburg, the chairman of the Department of Domestic Science, her report was read by Mrs. L. J. Blake, of Spartanburg. This report brought forward a discussion on the ever present servant problem, and from the testimony given by delegates, the consensus of opinion was that evidently the clubwoman is a wise mistress. Delegates reported such terms of service from servants as 45 years, 25 years, 18 years, 17 years, 15 years, 12 years, and 10 years, many testifying to services of seven and eight years. While there were those present who blamed the servant for lack of domestic harmony many women in informal discussion were

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inclined to accept the more advanced idea of the responsibility of the *mistress* for good servants. It was finally decided to instruct the Domestic Science Department to make special investigations on the subject during the coming year, and at the next convention present a systematic report of the "Servant Question" in the South Carolina Federation. The report of "*The Keystone*," the official organ of the Federation, was made by the editor, Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, of Charleston. In this report the Reciprocity Plan for a State Federation was outlined, and *The Keystone* reported that during the past year it had been conducting a Reciprocity Bureau for the Federation, in which eighteen clubs and the State Federation had taken part. The plan of an exchange of programs and papers between clubs was discussed and the Reciprocity idea was endorsed by creating a Department of Reciprocity.

The club reports were full of work accomplished. The literary clubs showed a marked preference for Shakespeare, the Bay View Course and Greek Art and Literature. The Civic Improvement Societies are making rapid strides, considering their age and experience, especially the Civic Improvement League of Anderson, which has a record which is wonderful when its age is considered.

Along the lines of philanthropy, much work has been accomplished, but the report which received the most flattering attention was that of the Columbia Hospital Association. This report was an inspiration to many women present and the Federation may well be proud of this noble daughter in its circle of membership. The Library Associations are well to the fore in their work and have in charge many public libraries in a flourishing condition.

The amendments to the Constitution were considered on Thursday afternoon. The first amendment, dealing with a

third term for officers with a limit of service on the Executive Board of three years for all officers except that of President, and restrictions as to delegates' eligibility to office was defeated, as was also the amendment to provide that the President and the Corresponding Secretary should be from the same town.

The amendment to prohibit one woman from representing two clubs, or a department or an office and a club was carried without discussion, many delegates voting against it by instructions from their respective clubs.

The other amendments, to create new departments, to provide for election of delegates to the Biennial and the General Federation Secretary, to fix time of payment of dues, and numbering of articles were all carried unanimously.

The resolutions presented from the Biennial in St. Louis to State Federations were acted upon as follows

Endorsed and recommended to the consideration of clubs—Resolution in regard to Civil Service Reform as study for clubs; Resolution for protection of Mammoth Cava-laveras, Big Trees and Cliff Dwellings.

Received as information:—

Resolution as to the creation of a Department of Education with Cabinet Officer as head; resolution in regard to sending representatives to Peace Congress in Boston; resolution in regard to protection of U. S. Flag against advertisements; resolution in regard to divorce laws. Resolution for Creating National Bureau of Information in behalf of abused children and animals, referred to South Carolina Committee on Boys' Reformatory, also Resolution on the establishment of Juvenile Courts and Probation system.

The Committee on State Reformatory for Boys made an interesting report through its chairman, Mrs. M. F. Ansel, of Greenville. The convention endorsed the recommendation of this committee that a State Committee of twenty women, with Mrs. M. O. Patterson as chairman, be empowered to continue the investigations and to present plans to the Federation for the practical establishment of a Boys Reformatory in South Carolina. Mrs. Patterson was empowered to select her own committee.

The election of officers occurred on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, and resulted as follows:

Mrs. W. K. Sligh, Newberry, President. Mrs. A. F. McKissick, Greenwood, First Vice-President. Mrs. L. T. Nichols, Chester, Second Vice-President. Mrs. J. M. Visanska, Charleston, Recording Secretary. Mrs. A. C. Moore, Columbia, Corresponding Secretary. Miss Varina D. Brown, Anderson, Treasurer. Mrs. T. Fraser James, Darlington, Auditor.

At the Directors meeting, immediately after the adjournment of the Convention on Friday morning the following chairmen of departments were elected:

Education, Miss Anadora Baer, Charleston; Kindergarten, Miss Elizabeth Klinck, Charleston; Library Extension, Mrs. M. P. Gridley, Greenville; Art, Mrs. A. G. Brice, Chester; Music, Mrs. J. R. Vandiver, Anderson; Forestry and Civics, Miss Mary E. Waterhouse, Beaufort; Domestic Science, Mrs. J. T. Calvert, Spartanburg; Arts and Crafts, Mrs. R. H. Jennings, Orangeburg; Reciprocity, Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, Charleston, S. C.

The resolutions introduced during the first day of the Convention looking to relieving the local club women of towns wishing to entertain the State Federations at future Conventions of the responsibility of housing all delegates,

but advising in place of expected hospitality for all delegates, special hotel rates for all, and such individual hospitality as might be convenient to the hostess town, brought out some enthusiastic speeches on the "grace of hospitality." The Federation decided to adhere to the old practice of expecting entertainment for all officers and delegates at its Conventions, and the invitation from Union to hold its next annual meeting there was accepted with much pleasure.

The "grace of hospitality" was well sustained in Newberry, as it had been in Seneca, Chester, Charleston, Greenville, Spartanburg and Columbia in past Conventions, and as it will be sustained in Union next year, still it behooves the club women of our State, as sensible people, to look well into this matter of expecting entertainment, for from eighty to a hundred women every year from some town in our State.

The following Clubs were not represented by delegates at this Convention:

The Book Club, Abbeville; Runnymede Club, Anderson; The Altruria, Batesville; Clover Club, Beaufort; Psychology Club, Charleston; Auf Widersehen, Edgefield; Keep-in-touch, Fairfax; Rotary Book Club, Twentieth Century, Greenville; Hanging Rock Book Club, Kershaw; Friday Afternoon Book, Cranford Book, Lancaster Music and Franklin Circle, of Lancaster; Mendelssohn Choral Club, Orangeburg; Amelia Pride, Child Study and Musical Clubs, of Rock Hill; Timrod Circle, Summerville; Entre Nous, Trenton; The Modern Priscillas, Pelham, disbanded.

The following are the delegates that attended the Convention:

Mrs. M. O. Patterson, Mrs. H. J. Haynesworth, Mrs. M. P. Gridley, Mrs. B. M. McGee, Mrs. M. F. Ansel, Miss H. R. Pope, Mrs. H. B. Tindal, *Greenville*; Mrs. H. C. Wannamaker, Mrs. R. H. Jennings, *Orangeburg*; Mrs. A. C. Moore, Mrs. R. W. Gibbes, Miss Belle Williams, Miss Fanny McCants, Mrs. E. S. Watkins, *Columbia*; Mrs. L. T. Nichols, Mrs. J. G. White, Mrs. E. F. Read, Mrs. W. B. Cox, Mrs. M. H. Gaston, Miss Bessie Lindsay, Miss Wachtel, *Chester*; Mrs. W. S. Houseal, Miss Fannie McCaughrin, Miss A. Pool, Mrs. L. W. Floyd, Miss Bernice Martin, Mrs. Walter Hunt, Mrs. R. D. Wright, Miss Helen Mower, *Newberry*; Miss Varina Brown, Mrs. Rufus Fant, Mrs. S. Bleckley, Mrs. Cora Ligon, Mrs. J. M. Patrick, Mrs. J. R. Vandiver, *Anderson*; Miss Caroline McIver, *Darlington*; Mrs. W. J. Cherry, *Rock Hill*; Mrs. L. J. Blake, Mrs. C. H. Henry, Mrs. Sloan Crawford, *Spartanburg*; Mrs. ——— *Westminster*; Mrs. G. E. Gibbon, Miss M. K. Mazyck, Miss Addie Howell, Miss Elizabeth Klinck, Mrs. J. C. Tiedeman, Mrs. C. P. Poppenheim, Miss Minnie Bruns, Miss Agnes Erckman, Miss Anadora Baer, Miss Agnes Strohecker, Miss E. S. Finley, Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, Mrs. J. M. Visanska, *Charleston*; Miss Ida McCullough, Mrs. Claude Sartor, Mrs. A. G. Wardlaw, Miss Evelyn Goss, *Union*; Miss Lula Moseley, Miss Della Bowers, *Prosperity*; Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Healan, *Blacksburg*; Mrs. A. F. McKissick, Mrs. O. E. Porcher, *Greenwood*; Mrs. H. W. Carroll, Miss Sara Crosland, *Bennettsville*; Mrs. Wm. Toney, Mrs. J. S. Walker, *Johnston*; Mrs. Agnes Bogin, *Sumter*; Miss Eleanor Richardson, *Seneca*; Miss Margaret Daniel, *Yorkville*; Mrs. J. O. C. Fleming, *Laurens*; Miss Mamie Ansel, Miss Katie Bieman, *Walhalla*.

The social arrangements for the Convention were ideal. The selection of beautiful New Holland Hall on the College Campus for the Business Sessions was a wise one, and cleanliness, light and airiness were agreeable adjuncts to the meeting. The midday lunches served by the Newberry clubwomen in the lower rooms of the same building were a gracious provision for the comfort of the delegates, promoted sociability, and facilitated the business sessions, as they assured a prompt re-assembling of the Convention for the afternoon session. Two delightful receptions were tended the delegates and visiting clubwomen—one on Tuesday evening at the lovely home of Mrs. Bernice Martin, at which time badges were assigned delegates, and another on Thursday evening, at the home of Mrs. W. L. Seabrook.

On both occasions delightful refreshments were served, good music was enjoyed, and the clubwomen had the opportunity of meeting not only one another, but the men and women of Newberry, who were doing so much to make this Convention a success.

The business sessions of this Convention were also marked by a large attendance of men.

There was a great deal of private entertaining going on each day, and dinner parties were a constant source of pleasure to the delegates, who were thus enabled to meet and know one another better through the genial influence of the same dinner table.

The new officers elected by the Federation promise a continuation of the Federation's prosperity. In the retirement of the President, Mrs. Patterson, by limit of term of Constitution, the Federation bid farewell to a graceful personality, a clever woman, and one whose enthusiasm for the Reformatory School for Boys promises great achievements for that committee of the Federation.

The new President, Mrs. Sligh, is a native of Newberry, a first honor graduate of the Woman's College at Hagerstown, Md. She has taught in the Graded Schools of Newberry, has served as the President of the Woman's Club of Newberry, is now chairman of its Civic Committee, and is the wife of Mr. W. K. Sligh, Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy at Newberry College for the past fifteen years. She is a well poised woman, simple and unaffected in her manner, a systematic worker, and has the hearty support of the able local clubwomen of Newberry, who, by their management of a successful Convention, have proved to the Federation what Newberry women could do.

Taking it all in all, the Newberry Convention is another link in the silver chain of association which is binding the womanhood of South Carolina together through the influence of noble purposes and high endeavors for the citizenship of their well beloved State.

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Of the five delegates appointed at Oxford to represent Mississippi in the General Federation of Women's Clubs, held in Saint Louis, Mrs. Robert E. Jones, Crystal Springs, Mrs. Thomas R. Foster, Vicksburg, and Mrs. Hala H. Butt, Clarksdale, were in attendance.

As the other two did not report, credentials were given to Mrs. D. A. Hebron, of Vicksburg.

All were delighted with the cordial welcome which the Mississippi Federation received, and deeply grateful for the many courtesies which were extended to her delegates.

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NORTH CAROLINA was represented at the St. Louis Biennial by Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, Miss Claytor Candler, Mrs. J. T. Alderman, and Mrs. Hugh Murrill. These delegates enjoyed in the fullest measure the benefits to be derived from the Convention, as well as the social functions, and the sight-seeing. It is a matter of regret that so many of our club sisters failed to have a trip so full of interest and pleasure.

Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, our State President, sailed on the 11th of June for Europe. She has a delightful tour in anticipation, but expects to return in time for the Convention of Federated Clubs to be held in Goldsboro about the middle of October.

The Women's Club of Charlotte concluded the club season with a social meeting on May 5th. The Colonial Club courteously tendered the use of its handsome rooms, one of which, with its stage, drop curtain and large seating capacity, was especially suited to the occasion. Each member of the club had the privilege of inviting two guests, and as there had been whispers of some unusual features at this meeting, the appointed hour saw two hundred women assembled in eager expectation. And, "they say," *No one was disappointed.*

After a few words of welcome from the President, the Parliamentary Law Class came upon the stage, and for an hour the audience was entertained by a "Club Comedy in One Act and Several Exciting Scenes."

The local hits were spicy and clever, and as each woman assumed her own character, exaggerating her foibles or idiosyncracies to those who knew the personnel of the class, the sayings were very enjoyable.

At the conclusion of the performance the guests were invited to the dining room, where delicious ices, cakes and bon-bons were served by the Home Science Department.

Mrs. Norfolk's Prologue was greeted with applause, and she and Mrs. J. E. Reilley, the authors of the comedy, have received most flattering testimonials to the success of their achievement. There was such a strong demand for a public

presentation of the play that the Class gave an evening performance, charging a small admission fee. A neat sum was realized, and by unanimous consent this was given to the Young Women's Christian Association to aid in furnishing the commodious new building in which twenty-seven young ladies now have their homes, while ten more are supplied there with their board.

The Parliamentary Law Class, which is a branch of the Educational Department, has been an exceedingly interesting feature of the Woman's Club, and one member felt keenly the value of the season's training while attending the sessions of the Biennial. Next year the class will continue its studies and put the knowledge gained into practical use by conducting occasional debates upon questions of general interest.

The Pro Re Nata Club closed the season June 16th, with a stylish breakfast given in honor of guests of the members. This club, composed of young ladies just from college, organized last fall for the purpose of studying Shakespeare. Several plays have been read and discussed, while at each meeting there are carefully prepared papers treating of the historical period, the principal characters and scenes of the play under consideration. During the summer months these young ladies will assume lighter work—resolving themselves into a book and sewing circle. Next fall more thorough study of the great dramatist will be attempted, as each play chosen will be studied with the aid of a syllabus.

Mrs. F. M. Norfolk, the chairman of this department, has been obliged to resign the office because of her removal to Baltimore. Not only her club sisters, but many other friends, will miss this charming woman, whose enthusiasm, good judgment, and ever readiness to help in any good cause have made her a valued member of the community.

Until the beginning of our new club year the president of the Woman's Club of Charlotte will take charge of this department, and would much appreciate any items of news from other clubs.

Club women of North Carolina, lend me your aid to make this column interesting and helpful!

LOUISE S. MURRILL.

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for Florida to Miss Kathryn Thorp, Daytona, *Manager*.

President—Mrs. Lawrence Haynes, Jacksonville.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. M. DeC. Williams, Goodall.
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19 Clubs—700 Members.

IT has been my good fortune to attend two biennials—Milwaukee and St. Louis,—and at both of these conventions one personality stood out prominently—that of Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, the newly elected President of the G. F. W. C.—I so well remember her in Milwaukee, as first vice-president, when making the response to the cordial greetings of the Wisconsin women; and speaking of the splendid arrangements made by the local Biennial Board, of the Chairman, Mrs. Sidney Henry Peck, she declared that she had a secret to tell us, which was: that she had discovered that "Avoirdupois didn't count." That speech pleased me immensely—possibly because I am a very little woman myself.

In St. Louis, the name of Mrs. Decker was heard on every side, though she noticeably kept herself in the background, maintaining a dignified reticence. She was the most talked about woman there, and her great popularity warmly attested by the vote which she received as chief executive of that splendid body of women.

But I have been asked to give the experiences of my delegation—And to begin with, I must say that I was very proud of the showing which Florida made. We had a large and representative delegation, eight delegates and one alternate. All five delegates of the Federation were present, namely: Miss Catherine Thorpe, of Daytona, Federation Secretary; Mrs. C. M. Ross, Palatka; Mrs. Undora Watson, Ormond; Mrs. W. D. Heebner, Orange City; and my humble self. Mrs. Henry Wilson, Palatka, attended as State Alternate.

The individual clubs were represented as follows: Mrs. W. W. Cumber, Woman's Club of Jacksonville; Mrs. Clara F. Raynor, Palmetto Club, Daytona; and Miss Louise Frances Dodge, of Current Events Club, Tampa, who was also a delegate to the Press Parliament of the World, which convened in St. Louis at the same time.

Our delegation had expected to stop at the Hotel Napoleon Bonaparte, and had written to Mrs. Taussig to that effect, but by some unexplained delay, her letter stating that that hotel was not completed, was not received until after we had departed for St. Louis; so we had the pleasure of testing the kindly courtesy and efficacy of the Trains Committee at the depot, upon our arrival. We were most comfortably and pleasantly located, as follows: Mrs. Cumber, Hotel Jefferson; Mesdames Raynor, Heebner and Thorpe, at Hotel Beresford; Mrs. Henry Wilson, Inside Inn; Mrs. Watson, Olive Street, and Miss Dodge and myself at a private house, corner of Washington and Grande avenues, within a few blocks of the Odeon.

We all felt well repaid for the long journey. The very complete and charming hospitality of the St. Louis women made us feel at home at once. I don't know whether it was imagination or not, but when I would say "from Florida," there seemed to be an extra warmth in the handclasp—and I wish to say right here, that the cordiality was mutual. I think that I should like to live in St. Louis.

The meeting of the Biennial was replete with interest and information. Two much praise cannot be given the Program Committee for the very happy arrangement.

Mrs. Denison was a "joy forever" as a presiding officer. I never realized before what an added pleasure it was to have a handsome President, and one who combines both beauty and tact, as Mrs. Denison does, I believe to be rare indeed. It was a great delight to the Florida Delegation to have met Mrs. Denison personally (she attended our State Convention in February), and to know that she really was as lovely as she looked.

We also congratulated ourselves upon the re-election, as Corresponding Secretary to the General Federation, of our near friend and neighbor, Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, the popular and talented editor of the "Keystone." We feel that we have, indeed, a friend at court.

The various subjects treated at the sessions were all interesting to our delegation, for our Federation work includes most of them, but probably the ones which appealed to us most were the programs of the forestry and out-door art committees (nearly half of the clubs belonging to the Florida Federation being Village Improvement Societies).

Personally, the intellectual feasts at which my soul rejoiced, and which I remember with the greatest enthusiasm, were the address of Mrs. Denison at Festival Hall; the lecture of Mr. Edward Howard Griggs on Literary Evening; and the Press Session at the German Building, conducted by Miss Florence Hayward.

The social side of the Biennial was all that could be desired.

On the afternoon of private receptions, I was the guest of the St. Louis Woman's Club, in their spacious and attractive club house—from three to five o'clock—and under the special care of that gracious and beautiful St. Louis hostess, Mrs. Daniel M. Houser, "Mrs. Haynes, from Florida," was introduced several hundred times. From five to six I enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Castleman, at her beautiful home on Lindell Boulevard. The other Florida ladies were entertained at the magnificent home of Mrs. George L. Allen, 26 Westmoreland Place. My many badges, as member of the National Reception Committee, are among my treasured souvenirs.

Our delegation attended in a body the luncheon given by the lady managers, and receptions by the Louisiana Purchase States at the Fair Grounds, and many of us were invited to small private affairs, which were delightful. Of one I wish particularly to make mention—a small afternoon tea given to Miss Dodge, of Tampa, by her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Bixby, of Portland Place. Only a few of her press friends were invited, and I, being the President of her State Federation, was fortunate enough to be included. The Bixby home was a dream of luxury and artistic beauty—and in the library alone one felt she could spend an indefinite time. Mr. Bixby is a connoisseur in rare paintings and books, and having the means to gratify his tastes, has spent his days in adding to his rare and wonderful collection.

In conclusion, I wish to again assert that these Biennial meetings are of inestimable value to any club woman—or I might say to all humanity. That the women gather there to learn how to do good—in whatever time, place or condition they may. There is no North, no South, no East, no West. I wish that every member of our Florida Federation could have been there!!

Mrs. LAWRENCE HAYNES,
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Mrs. P. H. Mell, of the State Historical Committee, U. D. C., recommends to Chapters as a desirable book for Southern libraries "Life of Lee," by Dr. H. A. White, formerly of Washington & Lee University, now of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C. Dr. White has in preparation now a School History of the United States.

The Daughters of the Confederacy at Johnston have been studying Parliamentary Law, under the direction of Hon. James P. Bean, an able and practiced parliamentarian. During their celebration of Jefferson Davis's Birthday they presented Mr. Bean with a handsome umbrella in recognition of his kindness in training them in such an important part of their organized work.

THE History program for the literary session of 1904, in the Texas Division, has been issued by Mrs. S. H. Watson, State Historian for Texas. It is as follows:
"Essay—The South, Her Statesmen and Warriors. Essay
"—History of Southern War Songs. Dramatic Sketch—
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"connected with old Southern homes before or after the
"war."

The time limit for competition for places on program closes September 30th, 1904. Prose writings must not consume more than eight minutes in reading. Poems and songs must not exceed ten stanzas.

The Georgia Division, U. D. C., offers a gold medal to the student in the State of Georgia who writes the best essay on the following subjects: Deeds of Bravery, Interesting Experiences, Close Calls, Battles (*for soldiers of the state*), Aid of Soldiers, Life During the War, Interesting Events in the State (*as related to women of the state*).

The contest is open to pupils of public or private schools, between the ages of 14 to 18 years.

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A BRIEF Review of Slavery in the United States, by Mrs. S. F. Lea, Historian of the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter, U. D. C., of Louisville, Ky., is a valuable collection of facts on this subject, which should be read by all interested in United States History.

From the Point of View of an Outsider.

THE Sixth Annual Convention of the Federation of Women's Clubs has just closed its sessions at Newberry.

There were many subjects discussed by intelligent women from every part of the State, and a deep interest manifested in all that pertains to the uplifting of humanity. The report on education was particularly interesting, from the large number of scholarships which the Federation confers on worthy young girls, and surely this feature of their aims and work should silence adverse criticism. And while we are in sympathy with the higher education, would it not be well to begin at the bottom and build up to a higher plane the poor white children of our State?

An industrial department should be a feature of all public schools, especially in mill districts, where girls should be taught the useful handiwork of sewing, proper preparation of food and hygiene of their homes.

And club women ought to advocate compulsory education and present this matter to the General Assembly for early, earnest action.

The matter of civic improvement is one of great importance, and we are glad that club women are interested in the work; how to make home beautiful is her first duty!

Some one has written: "Every mother thinks discipline a good thing for other people's children."

A bilious benedict was asked recently what the women were driving at, and what they wanted? Oh, they tell men how to clean up the town and neglect their own homes, write beautifully about reclaiming the gamin of the streets, while their own youngsters are the demons of the town.

We trust that his criticism is not a consensus of opinion by the lords of creation. But we bespeak dire vengeance on the head of the confirmed old bachelor who declared if the mother of a bad boy who threw a live frog on him in the opera house did not get a clubbing—when she reached home—then justice had fled the country forever.

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SERIES II.

MISS EUPHEMIA McCLINTOCK, Club woman and educator, President of the College for Women, Columbia, S. C., was born on her father's plantation in Newberry County, S. C. Her parents were of Scotch-Irish ancestry and her father was the pastor of the Scotch Presbyterian churches of Newberry County. On both sides of her family she comes from a long line of preachers and teachers, one of her grandfathers having been in charge of the Department of Mathematics at Erskine College, S. C., for forty years. Miss McClintock took her A. B. degree at the Woman's College of Baltimore in 1893, and since then has studied at Harvard, the University of Chicago and in Paris, France. She is a member of the Daughters of the Confederacy, the D. A. R. and is one of the most active and efficient members of the New Century Club of Columbia, S. C. In 1902 she was elected President of the College for Women in Columbia, S. C., one of the high grade Colleges in the State, and in this capacity she has fulfilled the expectations of her friends.

As a member of the Educational Committee of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs and also a member of the Educational Committee of five of the General Federation of Women's Clubs she is working at home and outside of her State in behalf of education.

Her special literary preferences are along the lines of sociology and she regards it as a study which opens a peculiarly large field for the women of to-day.

Miss McClintock is a woman of great strength of character, well poised and self controlled. Her influence is always thrown with those who would preserve the orderly and logical course of affairs. In council she is wise, moderate and just, and the Club women of South Carolina value her most highly for the brilliant intellect, clear judgment and firm executive skill which she has brought to their organization.

MISS ISABEL D. MARTIN, of Columbia, S. C., Educator Daughter of the Confederacy club woman, and D. A. R., was born in Columbia, S. C., and perfected her education in that city. Miss Martin's father was a pioneer Methodist preacher, who spent the best years of his life as a missionary among the negro slaves of South Carolina, a fact of which Miss Martin is very proud. Her mother was born in Scotland, and came to this country as a young girl. She was a woman of marked literary ability, and is mentioned in "Davidson's Living Writers of the South."

Miss Martin is a member of the Columbia Hospital Association, as a member of its Board, after having served the Association for seven years as its President. She has been President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Washington Street Methodist Church for twenty-two years; Recording Secretary of the South Carolina Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for eight years; has held the office of Regent of the Columbia Chapter, D. A. R., for the past four years; is a member of the Wade Hampton Chapter, U. D. C., having served it in the past both as Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

Miss Martin now occupies the Chair of Mental and Moral Science in the Columbia Female College, where she exerts a powerful influence for good in the training of the young women of South Carolina. Her literary preferences are for the languages and philosophy, and her preferred amusement is traveling.

Both as an educator, and in connection with her work in women's organizations, Miss Martin has left her impress on her associates, for she is a woman of practical common sense, of strong convictions, and great steadfastness of purpose. She sees her duty clearly and quickly, and once seeing it, she does it unflinchingly. No better influence than her's could be brought into the life of the younger generation, while those of maturer years who work with her, find her a tower of strength in meeting many difficult problems of the present day.

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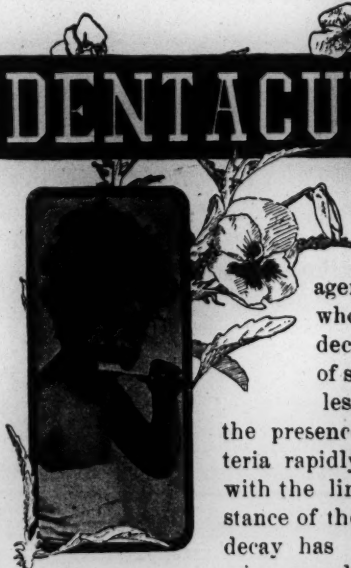
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"A SOUTHERN SPEAKER" by D. Barton Ross is a very valuable collection of selections from the orations, addresses, and writings of the best known Southern statesmen and authors, together with extracts from the rarest gems of the world's prose and poetry. The author has made this collection for schools and colleges so "that the youth of the South may become better acquainted with the writings of their ancestors, and the old time life and spirit that influenced them, and at the same time have at hand for comparison the choicest prose and poetry ever written. The volume will not only act as an incentive to study the life and literature of the past, and to give to the Southern authors, orators and statesmen the credit justly due them, but will develop in the student of to-day a desire to excel in oratory. The selections cover a wide field of subjects and authors, and the book will prove of valuable assistance to all public speakers."

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ACCORDING to Mrs. Theodore W. Birney, who gives so many valuable suggestions every month in *The Delineator* to those who have the care of children, habits of idleness are acquired, and not due to that convenient bugbear, "natural depravity." These are some of the wise thoughts of her paper for July: "It is as natural for children to be busy as it is for them to breathe. We are all familiar with the ceaseless activity of the wee toddlers, who are here, there and everywhere. . . . It is true that children who are habitually unoccupied want to be eating continually; it is also true that by presenting artistic pleasures and pursuits to young people, the gross and objectionable ceases to attract them."

"VIOLETT," a chronicle, by Baroness Von Hutten, is another idyl, full of delicate sentiment which adds more glory to the fame of the author already celebrated for "*Our Lady of the Beeches*," now in its eighth edition. "*Violett*" is full of passionate emotion, and the power of musical genius with its trials and temptations is vividly presented. It is preeminently a book of emotions;—passion and love, ambition, and genius, cowardice and manhood. The dreamy "*Violett*" and his light house surroundings form a marked contrast with the gaiety of his associates in London. It is a touchingly pathetic story, and the characters are very human and real in all their relations. The author understands humanity and knows how to put us in close sympathy with many grades of society.

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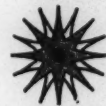
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"SKETCHES AND REMINISCENCES," by Joshua Hilary Hudson, L. L. D., is another valuable addition to South Carolina records. It is such books as this that help make the history of a State and encourage others to perpetuate family traditions. Judge Hudson gives a short account of the genealogy of the Hudson family, with a sketch of the author's early life and education. The reminiscences of Chester and Bennettsville over fifty years ago are very valuable historical data. The Judge has also preserved for posterity his addresses on the occasion of the Centennial Celebration of the South Carolina College at the banquet in Charleston, at the memorial exercises of Chief Justice Melver and on several other occasions. Besides the interest surrounding his own personality, he brings out many historical incidents in his native State, and presents many prominent men of his day. The chapters on the 26th Regiment S. C. Infantry, and his experiences during the War between the States are especially valuable. All of the incidents are told in simple language, leaving us with the impression of a personal interview with Judge Hudson.

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